

MDOT's Experience With Project Management &

Activity Based Costing Systems





- In Large Complex Environments, It Is Not Enough To Manage Outputs & Outcomes
  - Need To Manage Resources,
     i.e. People, Assets & Dollars
  - Requires The Ability To Plan, Forecast, Measure, Report & Analyze
  - MDOT Uses Project Management & Activity Based Costing Systems



- MDOT Core Systems:
  - Media -- Invoice & Payroll Transactions
    - ► Coding: Project, Activity, Unit & Location
  - Projstat/Promis -- Project Mgmt & Federal Pmts
    - ► Multiple Funding Options
  - Tinis -- Infrastructure Inventory & History
    - ► Accidents, Traffic Counts, Pavement Types, etc.
  - Crew Payroll & Personnel
    - **▶** FTE Environment



- Core Systems Issues:
  - '70's Legacy Mainframe Based
    - ► Information Availability & User Needs
    - ▶ Isolation of Data Bases
    - ► Increases In Complexity
    - ► Maintenance & Updates
    - Programmer Dependent (SAS)
  - Program Management Capabilities Inadequate
    - **►** Multiple Funding



#### Core Systems Issues:

- Definition & Growth Of Codes
  - ► 2X10<sup>12</sup> vs. 135K/Yr
  - **►** Coding ≠ Control
  - ► PIN's vs. Activities vs. C&O's
  - Cultural & Ownership Biases (Engineers, Crew, Finance)



- Resolution Plan:
  - ISSC (Information System Steering Committee)
    - ► Established Fall '95
    - ► Senior Management
    - ► Policies & Plans
    - ► All Resource Allocations



- FACT: Data Warehouse (Fall '96):
  - ► Projstat/Promis, Media, Crew Payroll
  - ▶ Budget Data & Organizational Structure
  - ► Ad Hoc Query & Analytical Capabilities
  - ► 400 GQL Users, Active User Group
  - ► Adaptive To Future Systems & Management Needs



- TIDE: GIS Linked Data Warehouse (Fall '98)
  - ► Tinis, Pavement & Bridge Management, Project History
  - ► Fit Existing Linear Databases Within Oracle Environment
  - ► Ad Hoc Query, Analytical & Mapping Capabilities
  - ► Provides Visual Performance Tracking
  - Major Communications Tool



- PPM: Enhanced Project Mgmt System (Spring '00)
  - Activity Based & Personnel Scheduler (New Activity Structure Developed)
  - ► Monitors Performance Against Schedule(s)
  - ▶ Rolls Projects Up To Program(s)
  - ► NYDOT Free Transfer Of Core System
  - ► Contract: Software, Programming & Training



- MAP: Management Structure & System ('00)
  - ► Level Of Maintenance Service
  - ► Activity Based (New Activity Structure Developed)
  - ► Resource Inclusive: People, Equipment & Supplies
  - VAOT Loan Of Core System
  - ► Developing Contract Needs



- FREE 2000: Front-end System (Jan '00)
  - ▶ Paper Reduction & Process Improvement (Paper Handling & Single Point Of Entry)
  - ► Data Collection & Editing At Source
  - ► Time & Attendance, Expense Reimbursement & Invoice Processor
  - ► In-house Developed, WEB Based
  - Issues:
    - Document Storage & Post Audits
    - WEB Reliability & Backup Process



- Resolution Plan:
  - TIDE II: Enhanced GIS Linked Data Warehouse (?)
    - ► Tie-in With PPM & MAP
    - **▶** Electronic Update Mechanisms
    - ► Additional Data Sources



- Technology Improvements:
  - ► All Knowledge Workers Have Access
  - ► Standard Software & Hardware
  - Users Trained
  - ► Replacement Schedules
  - ► Redundancy In LAN



- Providing Tools & Information!
- No Absolute Right Answer!
- People Manage Resources!
- A Journey!